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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

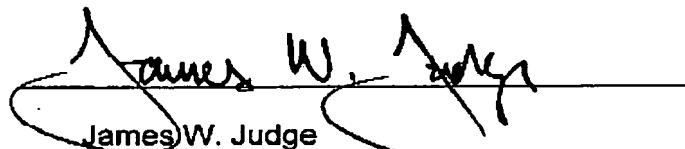
Sir:

Applicant hereby requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) an extension for reply within the first month after the shortened statutory period for filing a reply to the Office action in the patent application identified above.

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